

# News from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY – LATEST ACTION REGARDING PAWNEE AREA**

**Based on new data, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's Oil and Gas Division (OGCD) is taking further action in the area of the 5.8 earthquake that occurred in the Pawnee area on September 3, 2016. Key points:**

- **This action is a collaborative effort involving the OGCD and the Environmental Protection Agency, as it involves Osage county, which is under EPA jurisdiction.**
- **The new data is the result of work by the Oklahoma Geological Survey and the United States Geological Survey.**
- **Total size of action area (Area of Interest, or AOI): 1,116 square miles**
- **Number of wells in AOI: 48 Arbuckle disposal wells within OCC jurisdiction, 19 Arbuckle disposal wells within EPA jurisdiction. Total: 67 Arbuckle disposal wells.**
- **Number of wells to cease operations: 32 (27 in OGCD jurisdiction, 5 in EPA jurisdiction).**
- **Total volume reduction: 40 thousand barrels a day.**
- **Reason for action: New fault data**
- **The action is an evolution of the directive issued on September 03, 2016. As such, the latest directive is taken under the OCC's emergency authority\*\* and is mandatory.**

**\*\*Approved by the Oklahoma Legislature last year at OCC request.**

**A map and list of operators are attached.**

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